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# ANNUAL OVERVIEW



**In 2010, AMC flew more than 153,000 sorties and about 529,000 flight hours.**

## **Airland**

AMC delivered about 2.24 million passengers and 827,000 tons of cargo – more than the combined population of Boston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.

## **Airdrop**

As airdrop became a necessary means of delivery – both on the battlefield and in humanitarian support – the Mobility Air Forces (MAF) worked to improve accuracy and increase flexibility to ground forces while reducing their exposure to enemy fire. MAF also worked to ensure supplies could be airdropped without risk of injuring the very people our nation is trying to help. Additionally, MAF partnered with the Army to improve responsiveness and direct support in the tactical environment ensuring Soldiers get what they need, when they need it ... effective, then efficient.

## **Air Refueling**

AMC offloaded more than 1.58 billion pounds of fuel to 115,000 receiver aircraft.

## **Aeromedical Evacuation**

AMC moved 20,572 patients.

## **Total Force Effort**

Air Mobility is a total force effort. More than 135,000 active duty, Guard, and Reservist Airmen working together; standing shoulder-to-shoulder to accomplish the task at hand. Air Reserve Component (ARC) contributions are indistinguishable from active duty across the Mobility Air Forces (MAF) — the active duty and ARC patches may look different, but that's where the differences end.

*"While the statistics are impressive, what they really tell is the story of the MAF's commitment in support of our nation's humanitarian and combat efforts around the globe. MAF forces are in demand and busy; yet quietly go about their job without fanfare ensuring those who need help receive it, keeping our fighters in the air protecting our troops, and bringing our wounded warriors home to the care they need (with a 98% survival rate)."*

**Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr.,**  
AMC Commander

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# Travis Mass Launch



**Jan. 5, 2010:** The 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings at Travis AFB, Calif., conducted the base's first mass launch of nine aircraft Dec. 21. Base officials said the Total Force effort was an opportunity for operations, maintenance and support personnel to train together on a larger scale than normal. Travis routinely launches three-ship KC-10A Extender formations, but this was the first time the base launched three Major Weapon Systems in rapid succession.



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# AMC Begins Haiti Relief



**Jan. 13, 2010:** Air Mobility Command forces begin actively supporting relief operations in Haiti after a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated the Caribbean nation a day earlier. The command identified several of its C-17 and C-130 cargo aircraft for the relief operations, and postured other aircraft and personnel for immediate support. The first mission – a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to Travis AFB, Calif. – transported an Urban Search and Rescue Task Force to the quake-stricken island. The 72-person team (California Task Force 2) included doctors, paramedics, structural specialists, rescue personnel, and six live-scent canines.



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# CRW Supports Haiti Ops



**Jan. 14, 2010:** Only 13 hours after receiving an official tasking, Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing, based at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., arrived at the Port-au-Prince International Airport in Haiti.



With the airport's infrastructure badly damaged and the seaport destroyed, the CRW was called upon to establish the capability for sustained air mobility operations. Within hours of arriving, Contingency Response Airmen began unloading aircraft and staging equipment and supplies for what would quickly become the key hub for U.S. and international humanitarian relief flowing into Haiti. The CRW quickly joined with the 688th Rapid Port Opening Element out of Fort Eustis, Va., to execute a Joint Task Force - Port Opening mission.

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# Haiti Air Delivery



**Jan. 18, 2010:** A C-17 Globemaster III from Charleston AFB, S.C., conducted the first of several air deliveries into Haiti, airdropping more than 69,000 pounds of emergency supplies to earthquake victims there. The first airdrop included more than 14,000 Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs), and about 14,000 quarts of water. The air deliveries helped provide alternate distribution points that enabled aid to reach earthquake victims more quickly.



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# 'Super Galaxy' Successes



**January 2010:** The C-5M “Super Galaxy” completed Operational Test and Evaluation, releasing the aircraft for use in worldwide operations. The C-5M is an upgraded version of the C-5 Galaxy, complete with a modernized glass cockpit and upgraded engines and avionics.

**Also in January ...** the first C-5M “Super Galaxy” flew a mission into Iraq, delivering about 85,000 pounds of equipment to troops downrange. The C-5M – assigned to the 9th Airlift Squadron at Dover AFB, Del. – not only delivered the supplies on time, the aircraft returned to Dover AFB ahead of schedule.

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# AMC Receives 'Iron Mike'



**February 2010:** Lt. Gen. Frank Helmick, commander of the 18th Airborne Corps, presented an "Iron Mike" statuette to Gen. Raymond E. Johns Jr., AMC commander, for the support the command provided in transporting the 82nd Airborne Division into Haiti in support of relief operations there. "AMC's effort to deploy the Global Response Force [2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division] and the XVIII Airborne Corps Command Post was incredible," said General Helmick. "The Airmen, pilots and flight crews were phenomenal, flexible, professional and effective."



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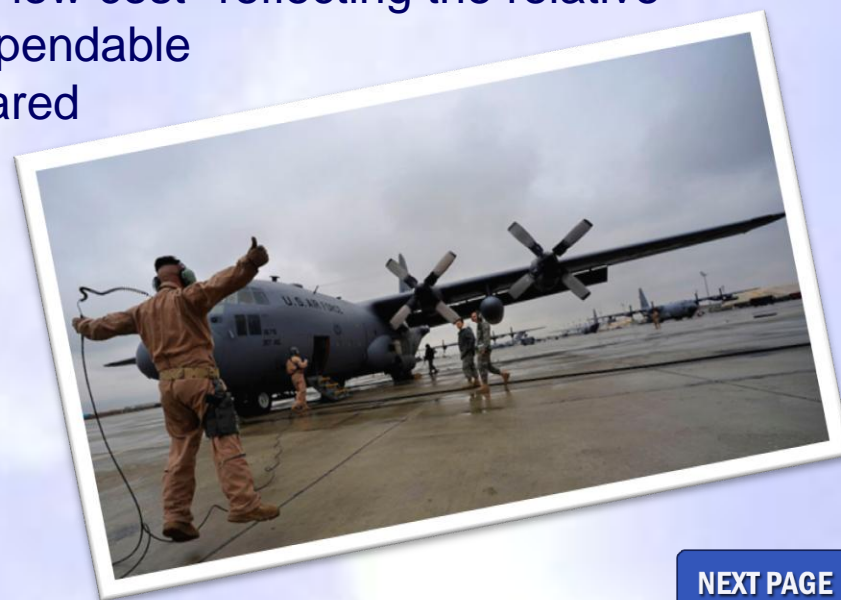
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# First LCLA Airdrop in AOR



**Feb. 6, 2010:** A C-130H aircrew deployed to Afghanistan conducted the first-ever C-130 Low-Cost, Low-Altitude (LCLA) combat airdrop to re-supply Soldiers at a forward operating base (FOB) in Afghanistan. LCLA airdrops meet the needs of a smaller subset of ground forces, and is a significant step forward in our ability to sustain those engaged in counter-insurgency operations throughout Afghanistan. The drops are termed "low-cost" reflecting the relative expense of the expendable parachutes compared to the more durable, but pricier nylon chutes.



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# Chile Humanitarian Efforts



## March 2010:

C-17 Globemaster IIIs began supporting relief operations in Chile following an 8.8-magnitude earthquake that hit the South American nation Feb. 27. The command placed several of its C-17s on alert to support relief operations and launched missions bound for the quake-stricken nation. The first two AMC missions were flown by crews from the 62nd Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash., and a third was flown by Airmen from the 437th AW at Joint Base Charleston, S.C. Mission planning and command-and-control for the AMC portion of the humanitarian effort were led by the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (TACC) at Scott AFB, Ill.



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# AMC's Outstanding Airmen



**April 8, 2010:** Air Mobility Command's Outstanding Airmen and First Sergeant of the Year were recognized during a banquet at Scott AFB, Ill. The four AMC Outstanding Airmen – who represent the best of the best in AMC – included:

**AIRMAN:** Senior Airman Samuel Siewert, of the 437th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

**NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER (NCO):** Tech Sgt. Mary Richardson, of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, Travis AFB, Calif.

**SENIOR NCO:** Master Sgt. Joseph Kazimer, of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

**FIRST SERGEANT:** Master Sgt. Danny Davis, of the 43rd Airlift Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.

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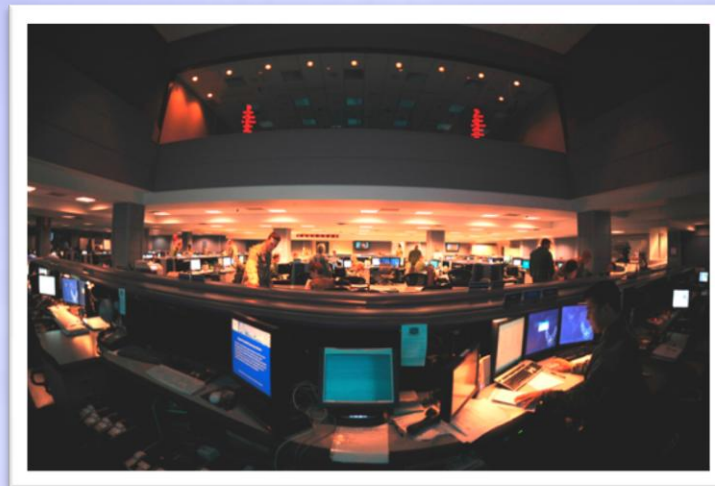


# AMC Responds to Ash Cloud



**April 2010:** AMC operations in and around Europe were adjusted as a large cloud of volcanic ash impacted flight operations across much of the continent.

The 618th Air and Space Operations Center (TACC), AMC's planning and execution hub, immediately implemented numerous measures to ensure the mission continued safely. When the volcano in Iceland erupted, commercial airlines could cancel flights; AMC could not. The command rerouted flights on a moment's notice to keep vital war supplies going into the theater, including delivering life-saving M-ATVs and bringing our wounded to higher levels of care to help save lives.



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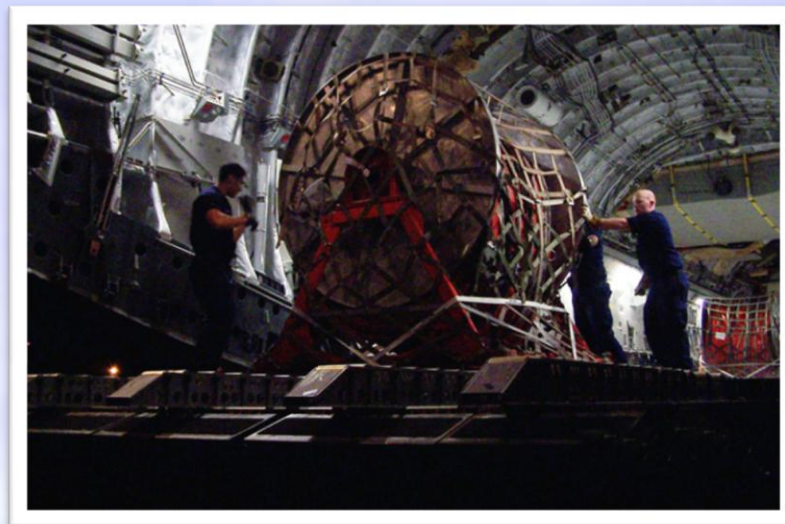
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# AMC Responds to Gulf Oil Spill



**May 2, 2010:** With a display of joint cooperation and capability that depends upon rapid deployment of resources, Airmen at Travis AFB, Calif., partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard's Pacific Strike Team to get desperately needed equipment to the oil-ravaged waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The cargo included 10 reels of inflatable boom, which was positioned off shore to keep the oil slick from coming ashore. The joint effort was the first of many air mobility missions supporting oil spill clean-up efforts along the Gulf Coast.



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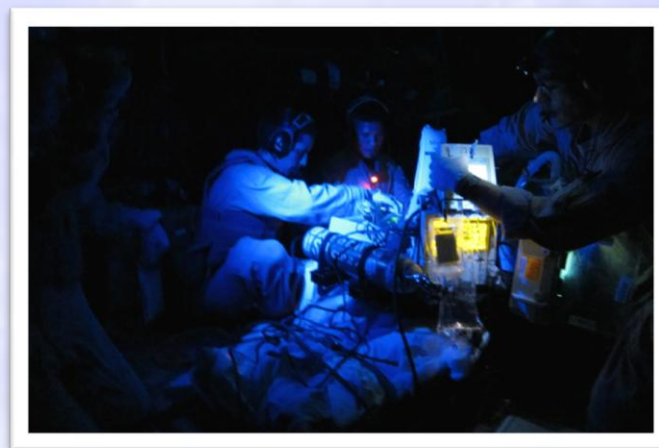
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# Historic AE Mission



**June 9, 2010:** Air Mobility Command Airmen assigned to the 451st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron executed the first-ever U.S. and British aeromedical evacuation mission to airlift non-validated casualties, in what has been identified as the bloodiest day for Air Force personnel at war since 2005. In the early afternoon of June 9, insurgents shot down a HH-60G NATO Pave Hawk helicopter. Two pararescumen from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and a combat rescue officer and a helicopter flight engineer assigned to Nellis AFB, Nev., were killed while performing a medical evacuation mission in Helmand Province.



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# Largest JFEX Formation



**June 22, 2010:** Four Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., aircrews took part in the largest formation ever assembled for a Joint Forcible Entry Exercise June 22 and 23 at Pope AFB, N.C., and Fort Bragg, N.C. The formation of 18 Air Force cargo airplanes, featuring 10 C-130s and eight C-17s from various Air Force bases, showcased the 82nd Airborne Division's ability to gain operational access to denied terrain through massive airdrop.



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# AMC Unveils CAF Initiative



**July 1, 2010:** To strengthen force resilience, AMC launched Comprehensive Airman Fitness (CAF) July 1 as a new approach to taking care of oneself and others. General Raymond E. Johns Jr., AMC Commander, and Chief Master Sgt. David Spector, AMC Command Chief, said Comprehensive Airman Fitness is not a program, but an approach to better equip you to handle stress. AMC leaders said as operations tempo stays high across the Air Force, so do divorce rates, suicide rates and other negative trends. “This demands more than just another program, but a new culture and way of thinking. CAF answers that call.”



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# C-5 Flexes 'M-Model Muscles'



**July 2010:** During a 30-day mission, 10 C-5 aircraft – two M models and eight legacy A- and B-model C-5s – transported more than 100 U.S. Army helicopters and more than 400,000 pounds of related equipment from Rota Naval Air Station, Spain, to various airfields in Afghanistan, including Bagram and Kandahar. According to AMC officials, although 10 aircraft were used, at any given time only four or five aircraft (including the two C-5M Super Galaxies) were transporting helicopters downrange. Officials said the mission was planned using two C-5Ms and two C-5Bs;

however, as the legacy C-5B aircraft went down for maintenance, they were replaced with other A- and B-model C-5s.



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# Final Grand Forks KC-135 deployment



**July 26, 2010:** The last KC-135 Stratotanker deployed from Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. It was the last deployment for the Grand Forks KC-135s because of the base's transition from an aerial refueling mission to an unmanned aerial systems (UAS) mission. Although, at the time, other KC-135s were deployed, upon return they were not slated to deploy again while assigned to Grand Forks AFB. The last squadron of KC-135s began transferring from Grand Forks AFB in August 2010, with the final tanker scheduled to leave in December.



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# Mobility Airmen in Pakistan



**July 31, 2010:** In the start of what would be another huge humanitarian relief effort for U.S. Mobility Air Forces (MAF), a C-130H delivered international assistance to Islamabad, Pakistan, in response to catastrophic monsoon flooding in that country. The first flight, flown by the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, delivered nearly 8,000 meals. The very next day, a C-17 Globemaster III, flown by the 385th Air Expeditionary Group from Bagram Airfield, delivered more than 44,000 meals. As of Aug. 17, Mobility Airmen had delivered more than 345,000 meals to victims of flooding in Pakistan.

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# New AOR Airdrop Standard



## August 2010:

Members of the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron dropped more than 1,192,000 pounds to 22 different drop zones, including

fuel, water, food and additional supplies needed by ground forces at forward operating bases (FOBs) across the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility (AOR). The missions added up to 837 bundles dropped, setting a record for C-17 drops in a single week. The endeavor – called Operation Everest – took place over the course of one week and was an effort headed by the 816th EAS to “fully exercise” the C-17 Globemaster III’s theater airdrop capability.



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# Super Galaxy delivers AMS



**Aug. 25, 2010:** A C-5M Super Galaxy, based out of Dover AFB, Del., delivered a giant, 7.5-ton Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS) from Geneva, Switzerland, to Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The AMS is the brain child of Nobel Laureate, Professor Samuel Ting and had been in production over the past 16 years. The purpose of the AMS experiment is to detect and analyze particles found in space while docked to the International Space Station. According to Professor Ting, the AMS should help scientists better understand the universe and how it was created.



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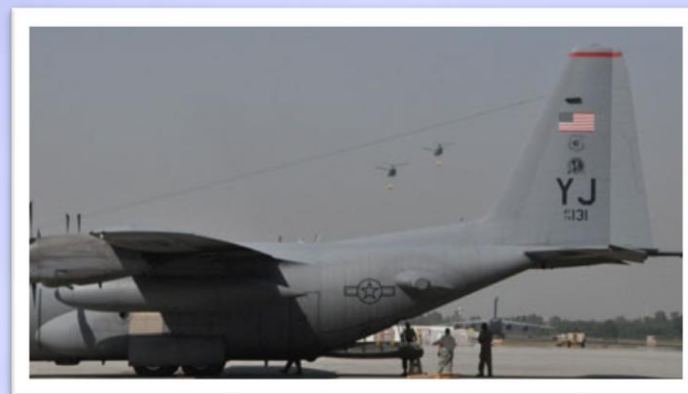
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# CRW Airmen To Pakistan



**Aug. 28, 2010:** More than 30 Air Force personnel from the 621st Contingency Response Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., arrived in Pakistan



to support humanitarian assistance airlift operations at Pakistan Air Force Base Chaklala. In Pakistan, the Mobility Airmen worked around-the-clock to assist Pakistan's National Disaster Management Agency and the Pakistan Air Force with managing the distribution of incoming international relief supplies by building aid pallets for onward transportation; loading and unloading aircraft; and scheduling C-130 and C-17 aircraft relief flights to deliver aid throughout that country.

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# From TACC to ASOC



## 618 ASOC (TACC)

**Aug. 30, 2010:** The 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center (TACC) – 18th Air Force's hub for worldwide airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation – was re-designated as the 618th Air and Space Operations Center (TACC). According to officials, the re-designation is the result of Headquarters Air Force direction to adopt a new, standard terminology for all Air Force Air and Space Operation Centers. As the hub for global mobility operations, the 618th ASOC (TACC), at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., plans, tasks and directs a fleet of nearly 1,300 Air Force mobility aircraft in support of strategic airlift, air refueling, and aeromedical evacuation operations around the world.

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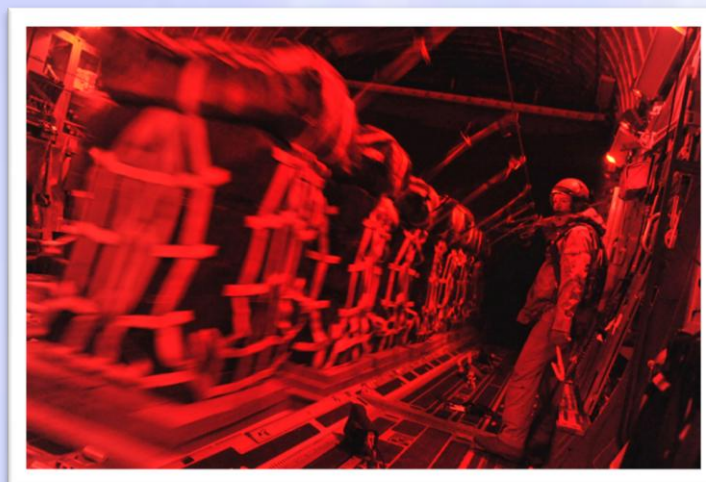


# Still Breaking Airdrop Records



**August 2010:** Mobility Air Forces' (MAF) airlifters continued to set records for airdrops sustaining ground forces in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility (AOR) with more than 3,800 Container Delivery System (CDS) supply bundles delivered in August alone. August airdrops averaged more than 99 tons per day – about 6 million pounds for the month – and included food, water, equipment and supplies needed by ground forces at remote forward operating

bases (FOBs) throughout the AOR. The record surpasses the previous record of more than 3,600 bundles delivered to ground forces in July.



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# Pakistan Relief Continues



**Sept. 24, 2010:** The U.S. State Department announced that U.S. military aircraft, including aircraft flown by deployed Air Mobility Command Airmen, had delivered more than 10 million pounds of aid in support of Pakistan flood relief efforts. U.S. military aid operations began in late-July with Army helicopters from Afghanistan delivering supplies and rescuing those trapped by flooding. Around the same time, Mobility Air Forces' (MAF) C-130 Hercules and C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and aircrews also began supporting relief operations.

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# Afghanistan Surge Success



**September 2010:** When President Obama announced the surge of an additional 30,000 troops to Afghanistan on Dec. 1, 2009, Mobility Airmen jumped into action:

- ❑ AMC Airmen moved more than 11,500 tons of supplies in the first month after the announcement.
- ❑ During the nine months of the surge, Mobility Air Forces (MAF) in Afghanistan airdropped more than 40 million pounds of cargo.
- ❑ "... you have superbly executed all aspects of the President's orders to quickly move forces into Afghanistan and out of Iraq," wrote Gen. Duncan McNabb, U.S. Transportation Command commander. "You overcame huge challenges, never wavered, and simply 'got 'er done.' No one could have done it better. Bravo Zulu."

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# House Honors AE Airmen



**Sept. 28, 2010:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution honoring the Airmen who support and perform aeromedical evacuation. House Resolution 1605 recognizes "the service of the medical and aircrews in helping our wounded warriors make the expeditious and safe trip home to the United States," and, "commends the personnel of the Air Force for their

commitment to the well-being of all our service men and women."



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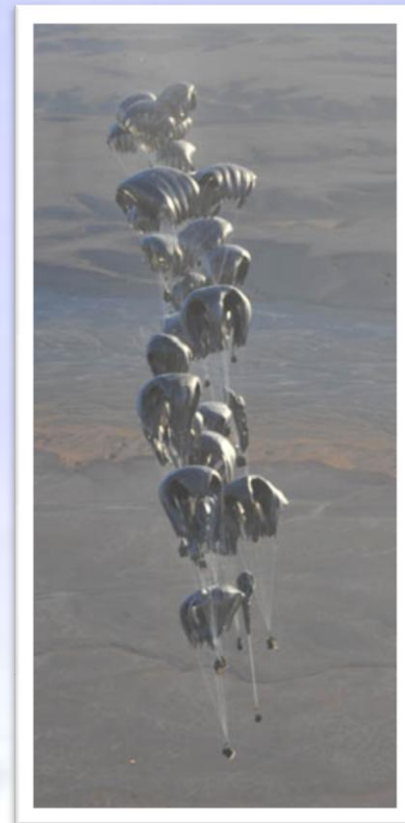
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# More Airdrop Records!



**September 2010:** Mobility Airmen completing airdrops for Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) during September surpassed the 40-million-pounds-delivered mark for 2010 – building on what is a new record year for airdrops for OEF. Numbers tracked by air mobility planners show that from January through September 2010, Airmen completing airdrops in Afghanistan delivered 40,200,000 pounds of cargo. That's nearly 8 million pounds more than was airdropped during the entire previous record year – 32,267,606 in 2009. To put this into better perspective, Mobility Airmen airdropped 3.5 million pounds during the entire year in 2006.



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# More Air Refueling Records!



**September 2010:** Through the end of September, Airmen flying air refueling aircraft in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility off-loaded more than 784 million pounds of fuel to more than 61,600 American and coalition aircraft in 2010. Those numbers signify the impact air refueling aircraft like the KC-10 Extender and the KC-135 Stratotanker have on the success of our military operations.



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# Large Joint Support Effort



**Oct. 18, 2010:** Nearly 30 aircraft (C-130s and C-17s) descended on the Alexandria International Airport in Louisiana as part of a Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) exercise. Members of the 615th Contingency Response Wing (CRW) helped facilitate the influx of air traffic. The CRW Airmen aided in moving 1,700 paratroopers and more than 70 tons of equipment during the massive training event -- the largest movement of paratroopers seen in more than a decade.



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# MacDill Airman is AMC Icon



**Oct. 21, 2010:** Staff Sgt. Aisha Smith, assigned to the 6th Medical Group at MacDill AFB, Fla., took home top honors during the 2010 Air Mobility Command Icon competition at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. AMC Icon – based loosely around the TV show, American Idol – is an AMC commander's initiative designed to showcase the vocal talents of AMC Airmen. In July and August, each of the command's 12 installations conducted a base-level Icon contest; the top-rated active-duty AMC winner at each base-level contest represented their base during the Oct. 21 Command Finals at Scott AFB.



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# 18-Ton Humanitarian Delivery



**Oct. 21, 2010:** Two KC-10 Extenders from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., delivered 18 tons of humanitarian supplies to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, Oct. 21 and 25. The 612th Air Base Squadron at Soto Cano and the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron from JBMDL worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development to ship the supplies to Honduras. The 2nd ARS delivered 21 pallets with 18 tons of it medical supplies and other humanitarian aid, and the 612th ABS helped download and store the goods, and ensured delivery to the intended recipient.

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# Millionth Ton Delivered!



**Oct. 21, 2010:** A forward-deployed C-17 Globemaster III and its crew hit a major milestone in October by delivering the millionth ton of Theater Direct Delivery (TDD) cargo to U.S. Central Command. The aircraft and crew, assigned to the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, delivered the cargo to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. The cargo included priority unit equipment and supplies for troops supporting Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The C-17 crew was deployed from the 437th Airlift Wing at Joint Base Charleston, S.C.



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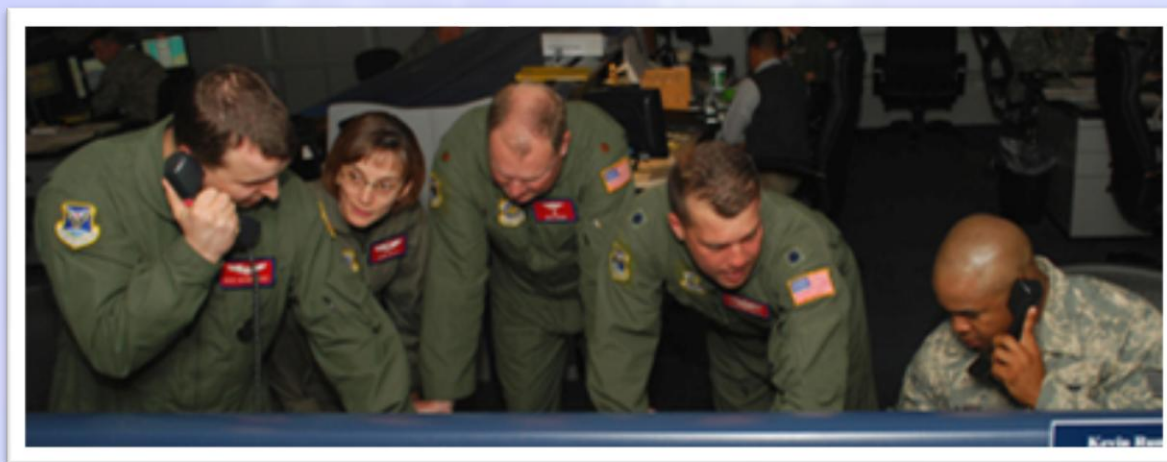
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# Times Photographer Evac'd



**Oct. 24, 2010:** An Air Force C-17 Globemaster III and its crew aeromedically evacuated a New York Times photographer from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, after the 44-year-old man was injured by a land mine in the Kandahar province. Joao Silva, a veteran war photographer based in South Africa, was embedded with an Army patrol when the explosion occurred.



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# Pakistan Effort Continues



**Oct. 27, 2010:** Even though C-17 and C-130 flights to Pakistan subsided Oct. 3, Mobility Airmen with a Contingency Response Element at Pakistan Air Force Base Chaklala were among more than 600 U.S. service members who helped achieve a new milestone of 20 million pounds of aid delivered. The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, said U.S. military aircraft and personnel supporting Pakistan's flood relief efforts achieved the mark Oct. 27. According to an embassy press release, as of Oct. 28 U.S. military aircraft and personnel, working in close coordination with the Pakistan military, had delivered 20,026,620 pounds of relief supplies.



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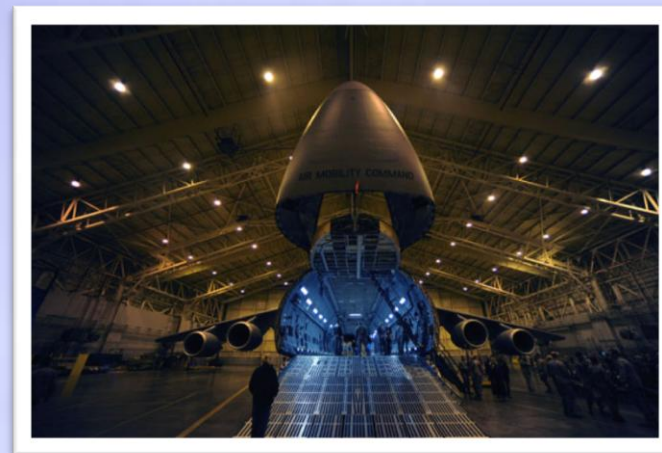


# First Production 'Super Galaxy'



**Nov. 6, 2010:** The first production C-5M Super Galaxy arrived for duty at Dover AFB, Del., marking a historic day for the U. S. Air Force and strategic airlift. General

Raymond E. Johns Jr., commander of Air Mobility Command, flew the Super Galaxy from Stewart Air National Guard Base, N.Y., to its operational home at Dover AFB Nov. 6. "The creativity and hard work demonstrated here have set conditions for success of the next generation of Mobility Airmen," said General Johns during a ceremony held at Stewart marking the occasion.



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# C-17 Reaches 2-Million Mark



## December 2010:

This month, the C-17 Globemaster III celebrated its two millionth flight hour. As a testament to the C-17 mission tempo, the aircraft passed its two millionth flight hour just four years after passing its the first million hour mark – and the first million hours took 16 years to reach. Although AMC officials estimate the international C-17 fleet passed the milestone on Dec. 14, the achievement was commemorated during a Dec. 10 airdrop mission out of Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.



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# Manatee Hitches a Ride



**Dec. 8 2010:** The Air Force partnered with specialists at the Fish and Wildlife Service and the South Florida Museum to transport an 840-pound male



West Indian manatee, along with six biologists and two veterinarians, from MacDill AFB, Fla., to San Juan, Puerto Rico. A Puerto Rico Air National Guard C-130 Hercules – already at MacDill supporting maneuvers for U.S. Special Operations Command – seized the opportunity to provide support for this effort at no additional cost.

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# Delivering Aid to Nicaragua



**Dec. 30, 2010:**

A C-17

Globemaster III

from the Air

Force Reserve's

315th Airlift

Wing, Charleston,

S.C., landed

at Robins AFB, Ga., to

pick up humanitarian aid headed for Managua,

Nicaragua. The cargo included a 1984 E-One fire truck

along with nearly 3.5 tons of medical supplies and

firefighting equipment donated by Emergency Response

Services for Latin America – an organization formed by

Rodney McDonald from Warner Robins, Ga., and Mark

Taylor from Bend, Ore., to assist countries in Latin

America.



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